



COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING JULY 7, 2019

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Winter wheat harvest was underway in southeastern counties last week, and harvest in a few other counties began in a limited manner, according to the Mountain Region Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Wheat harvest was behind last year and the average. Spring crop development achieved significant gains last week due to increased heat units. Scattered thunderstorms brought isolated rain and damaging hail last week to eastern counties. Hot and windy conditions elevated fire danger, especially in western counties. Northeastern county reporters noted isolated moisture was received and some areas received enough to delay fieldwork late in the week. Livestock were notably in good condition, although hot temperatures and wind last week were starting to dry out pastureland. Minor crop damaged was noted due to hail and high winds in areas. In the San Luis Valley, rain was limited last week. A reporter mentioned harvest of first cutting alfalfa was nearing completion and dry weather aided baling of the crop. Lack of recent moisture was a concern for rangeland condition going forward. In southeastern counties, a reporter noted enough rain was received to slow hay harvest. Rain and hail in several areas damaged some winter wheat acreage. Statewide, winter wheat was rated 81 percent good to excellent, compared to 52 percent last year. Stored feed supplies were rated 1 percent very short, 18 percent short, 75 percent adequate, and 6 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 3 percent heavy, 55 percent average, and 42 percent light. Cattle death loss was 79 percent average and 21 percent light.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
1 st cutting harvested	95	85	96	95
2 nd cutting harvested	16	8	23	21
Barley				
Headed	75	44	85	83
Turning color	11	4	12	13
Corn				
Silked	1	NA	3	3
Dry edible beans				
Planted	98	80	NA	NA
Emerged	89	54	88	NA
Blooming	11	NA	17	8
Proso millet				
Planted	97	94	NA	NA
Sorghum				
Planted	98	94	100	100
Emerged	85	74	96	NA
Sunflowers				
Planted	93	87	98	95
Winter wheat				
Turning color	90	70	97	NA
Mature	51	21	78	72
Harvested	10	1	42	30

NA – not available
(--) – zero

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION				
	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	6.0	6.4	6.5	6.2
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	4	3	21	10
Short	12	9	24	25
Adequate	80	81	53	61
Surplus.....	4	7	2	4
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	3	4	18	11
Short	18	12	25	21
Adequate	76	79	57	66
Surplus.....	3	5	--	2

NA – not available
(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor	3	3	8	2
Poor.....	4	5	15	8
Fair.....	7	7	27	24
Good	69	72	45	51
Excellent	17	13	5	15
Barley				
Very poor	4	1	1	1
Poor.....	12	3	1	1
Fair.....	29	18	31	19
Good	45	58	47	53
Excellent	10	20	20	26
Corn				
Very poor	--	--	2	2
Poor.....	1	3	5	5
Fair.....	14	19	23	19
Good	67	69	65	61
Excellent	18	9	5	13
Dry edible beans				
Very poor	--	NA	14	3
Poor.....	8	NA	16	6
Fair.....	32	NA	19	30
Good	53	NA	39	53
Excellent	7	NA	12	8
Onions				
Very poor	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	--	--	--	2
Fair.....	7	3	34	18
Good	88	94	60	67
Excellent	5	3	6	12
Pasture and range				
Very poor	1	1	23	8
Poor.....	4	3	28	14
Fair.....	18	16	25	25
Good	60	63	23	45
Excellent	17	17	1	8
Potatoes inside San Luis Valley				
Very poor	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	10	3	4	4
Fair.....	30	23	16	18
Good	40	56	54	55
Excellent	20	18	26	22
Potatoes outside San Luis Valley				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	2	2	5	1
Fair.....	18	19	5	9
Good	65	70	74	76
Excellent	15	9	16	14
Sorghum				
Very poor	1	5	4	1
Poor.....	1	5	10	7
Fair.....	12	23	15	32
Good	74	59	70	57
Excellent	12	8	1	3
Sugarbeets				
Very poor	--	--	2	1
Poor.....	1	--	7	3
Fair.....	17	26	20	16
Good	65	62	57	63
Excellent	17	12	14	17
Sunflowers				
Very poor	--	--	NA	NA
Poor.....	--	--	NA	NA
Fair.....	16	13	NA	NA
Good	76	83	NA	NA
Excellent	8	4	NA	NA
Winter wheat				
Very poor	1	1	4	8
Poor.....	3	4	15	12
Fair.....	15	17	29	29
Good	47	52	49	41
Excellent	34	26	3	10
Livestock				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	2	3	2	1
Fair.....	12	15	16	14
Good	67	69	72	72
Excellent	19	13	10	13

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